



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO 19

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**Our Christian Value for this half term is FORGIVENESS**

I am sure that you are as delighted as staff (if not more so) to hear that all pupils will return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. It is expected that all pupils will return to school on that date, therefore live streaming and virtual lessons will cease on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. As we arranged during the Autumn term, if pupils have to isolate due to contact with someone who has tested positive or test positive themselves, work will be arranged for them.

School will operate in exactly the same way as it did in September 2020 with children in strict bubbles to reduce the risk of virus spread. The incidence of the virus is high and no staff have had vaccinations, so we must be careful. We are most concerned about our staff who are over 50 years old, but all staff are delighted with the thought of full school opening. Well done to all our parents who have coped with home schooling for so long - only one week to go!

Children will arrive in the same staggered manner using all the gates: Main Gate, Car Park and the Field Gate.

Nursery	Field Gate	8:55-11:55am, 12:40-3:40pm, 7:45am-5:30pm for wrap around days
Reception Class	Field Gate	8:45 am/3:10pm
Year 1	Field Gate	9:00am/3:20pm
Year 2	Main Gate	8:55am/3:25pm
Year 3	Main Gate	8:50am/3:20pm
Year 4	Car Park Gate	8:55am/3:25pm
Year 5	Main Gate	8:45am/3:15pm
Year 6	Car Park Gate	8:45am/3:15pm

Breakfast (from 7:45am) and After School Club (5:30pm close) will operate for pupils who have long standing bookings. At this point, no new places will be issued if they have not already been agreed.

#### **Mrs Downs and Mrs Cummins**

We are delighted that Mrs Cummins has been able to join us in school on a phased return - it is wonderful to have her back.

We have also had some other wonderful news. The treatments that Mrs Downs has been through over the past few months has shrunk her cancer. She is hoping to return to work at the end of March and it will be fantastic to welcome her back - she is very excited about her return.

#### **Well Done to Year 6 - Class Worship**

A big well done to Year 6 who led the first 'Class Worship'. Thank you to both the children at home and the children at school who contributed. Parents can watch this on the school Facebook.

#### **Uniform**

The weather is still frequently cold at the moment. This is especially the case when the children are outside for an extended period at lunchtime. Summer uniforms should not be worn until we return after Easter on the 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

Should you find that your child's uniform is no longer a good fit, the PTFA have a lot of used uniform, which they give out. Please email [office@whittle-le-woods.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@whittle-le-woods.lancs.sch.uk) stating what items you need, including size requirements. If you have skirts, pinafores or jumpers that no longer fit please hand them to staff in a bag, so that they can be passed on. It is a good idea to cross through/remove any names on labels, leaving the size identifiable.

Thank you for your help.

Mrs D Metcalfe